

**CITY OF ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

**July 17, 2003
MEETING NO. 07-03**

APPLICATION: HDC03-0252

DATE FILED: July 17, 2003

**APPLICANT/
OWNER:** James Vitol
11 Wall Street
Rockville, MD 20850



Subject

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Wire-Vitol House at 11 Wall Street was built in 1993 by local builder Frank Johnson. The basic design for the 1 ½-story brick and frame modern Tudor-style cottage was taken from Sears, Roebuck and Company plans.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS AT THIS ADDRESS:

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| HD-17-76 | Removal of rear porch and steps; addition of family room and deck; approved 6/22/76 |
| HDC97-0097 | Replacement of slate roof with an asphalt shingle roof; approved 4/15/97 |
| HDC03-0234 | Install concrete pad & AC compressors; remove trees; approved 3/21/03 |

REQUEST: The Applicant requests a Certificate of Approval to screen in and roof an existing rear deck (approximately 280 square feet) that is on the southwest corner of the house and is not visible from any public right-of-way.

11 Wall Street



1. *Historic, archeological, or architectural value and significance of the site or structure and its relationship to the historic, archeological, or architectural significance of the surrounding area.*

The house at 11 Wall Street is a contributing resource to the West Montgomery Avenue Historic District. It is an example of the popular period architectural designs of the 1930s. It is constructed of brick with compact massing and stone detailing. Stone tabs in imitation of quoining frame a recessed entry. Other architectural details include overlapping steeply pitched high gable roofs, slightly flared eaves, and granite window sills. The steep pitch and slope of the dominant entry gable are features consistent with the Tudor cottage appearance.

2. *The relationship of the exterior architectural features of the structure to the remainder of the entire structure and to the surrounding area.*

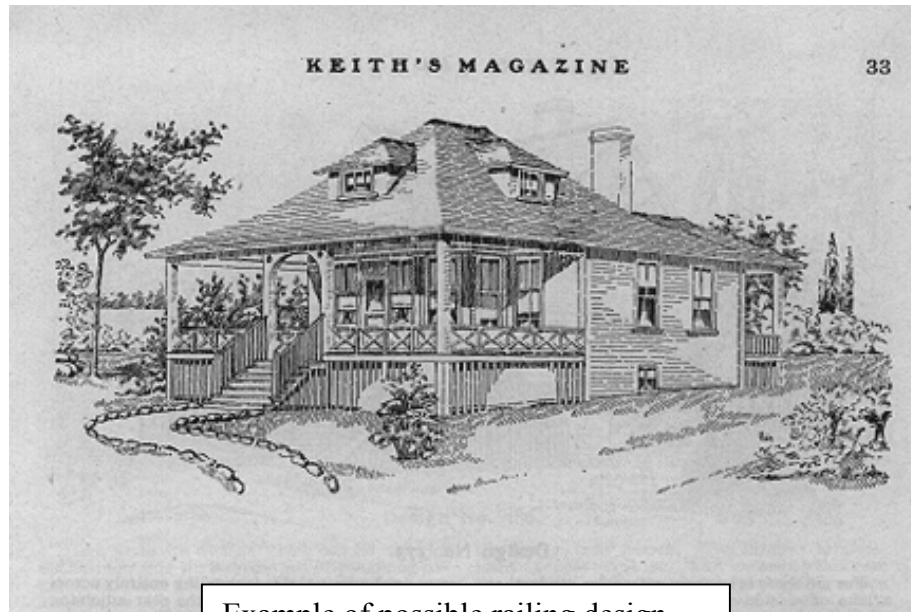
The dimensions of the screened porch (approximately 14 feet x 20 feet) will be the same as those of the existing deck. The shed roof on the porch will have the same height and pitch as the roof on the adjoining family room addition.



Views of rear façade of 11 Wall Street with existing deck



The Applicant proposes to install lattice below the floor level of the porch as well as above floor level to the railing. Lattice is more typically used as a screening material beneath a porch floor. Wooden pickets or a simple design similar to that shown below may be more appropriate for the railing. The railing height must be 36 inches from the floor.



Example of possible railing design

3. *The general compatibility of exterior design, scale, proportion, arrangement, texture, and materials proposed to be used.*

The design, scale, proportion, arrangement, texture and materials of the screened porch are compatible with the house.

4. *To any other factors, including aesthetic factors, which the Commission deems to be pertinent.*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the HDC approve HDC2003-0252 to screen in an existing rear deck. Staff recommends replacing the lattice above the floor level with pickets or another more traditional design.